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PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: (Microphone not on) ...Dr. Robert Palmer.

DR. ROBERT PALMER: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Dr. Palmer. Members, please record your presence. Roll call. Roll call in progress. Members, please record your presence. Members, please record your presence. Roll call is in progress and I might explain that we are delaying because a good number of the legislators are in an Executive Board meeting as well as the Clerk. So we'll just continue the collection of roll call presences until we can move on here this morning. Members, please record your presence for roll call. The Clerk will record the presence.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Quorum present, the Legislature is in session. However, the Executive Board is still meeting and we will just be at ease until they return. I would like to announce to everyone here, visitors as well as members of the Legislature, that in Room 2102 over here in the west hallway this morning from ten until three today there is a group of parents of retarded children called Mental Retarded Association of America who are having a hospitality room and serving coffee and rolls, as well as also there will be a machine to show a video tape picture of the Beatrice State Development Center at Beatrice which is the institution that houses the profoundly retarded. And I would encourage the new members to drop in there for a visit and talk with some of those folks and see the film and any other members that have not had an opportunity to go to Beatrice. I will make this announcement again for the other legislators. May I have your attention please. (Gavel.) While we are at ease waiting for other members to come, the Chair would recognize Senator Bernice Labedz on a point.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. This morning I distributed, on your desk, the Magazine of the Midlands and I would like to call your attention to the cover story. This year, 1985, has been proclaimed the year of the tree. The Omaha World Herald and the Nebraska Games and Parks are jointly sponsoring the Midlands Youth Tree Planting Program. The program will provide free seedlings for qualified youth